

Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2001 was estimated at 132,000 head, down 23,000 from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory, at 65,000 head, decreased 1,000 head from January 1, 2000. Market sheep and lambs inventory, at 67,000 head, decreased by 22,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings were 114,000 head, 16,000 more

than last year. Average prices received by sheep operators in 2000, per hundredweight, were \$38.00 for sheep, up \$4.00 from 1999, and \$75.00 for lambs, unchanged from 1999. Cash receipts totaled \$8.0 million, up 23 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices dropped 4 cents to 36 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$274,000, down 17 percent from the previous year.

Sheep: Number of Operations and Inventory 1/

	January 1						
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Arizona							
Operations (Number)	400	350	350	300	300	300	2/
Head (Thousand)	170.0	160.0	150.0	140.0	140.0	155.0	132.0
United States							
Operations (Number)	79,900	76,600	72,680	68,550	66,800	66,000	2/
Head (Thousand)	8,989.3	8,464.6	8,023.7	7,825.1	7,215.0	7,032.0	6,915.0

1/ An operation is any place having one or more sheep on hand during the year.

2/ Not available until January 2002.

Sheep: By Class, Farm Value, and Lamb Crop

	January 1						
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)							
Ewes	84.0	79.0	65.0	63.0	58.0	58.0	55.0
Rams	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Replacement lambs	10.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	7.0
Market sheep and lambs	73.0	70.0	75.0	67.0	72.0	89.0	67.0
All sheep and lambs	170.0	160.0	150.0	140.0	140.0	155.0	132.0
Farm Value							
Per head (Dollars)	86.00	96.00	100.00	110.00	89.00	96.00	98.00
Total (1,000 Dollars)	14,620	15,360	15,000	15,400	12,460	14,880	12,936
Lamb crop (1,000 Head)	59.0	55.0	48.0	47.0	45.0	40.0	1/

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Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	1,000 Head						
Inventory January 1	170	160	150	140	140	155	132
Lamb crop	59	55	48	47	45	40	3/
In-shippments	71	76	82	76	85	69	3/
Marketings 1/							
Sheep	17	14	9	11	5	9	3/
Lambs	96	101	102	88	93	105	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	18	16	19	20	13	15	3/
Deaths							
Sheep	4	4	3	2	2	2	3/
Lambs	5	6	7	2	2	1	3/

1/ Includes animals for custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the state.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Not available until January 2002.